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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
NORTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Case No: 2:22-cr-25

SAMUEL OGOSHI, SAMSON OGOSHI,

Defendants.

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FIRST APPEARANCE

BEFORE THE HONORABLE RAY KENT
U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Grand Rapids, Michigan
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4 *PROCEEDINGS*

5 THE CLERK: The United States District Court for the
6 Western District of Michigan is now in session. The Honorable
7 Ray Kent, United States Magistrate Judge presiding.

8 Please be seated.

9 THE COURT: This is 22-cr-25, the United States
10 versus Samuel -- is it Ogoshi, Mr. Tilton?

11 MR. TILTON: Yes, sir.

12 THE COURT: Okay. And Samson Ogoshi.

13 Mr. Mekaru, Mr. Reust appear on behalf of the United
14 States. Mr. Tilton on behalf of Samuel Ogoshi and Ms. Kelly
15 on behalf of Samson Ogoshi.

16 Gentlemen, we're here today because the government is
17 bringing criminal charges against you. I'm going to talk to
18 you about the charges, the penalties, and some of your rights.

19 My first question for each of you is how far you got
20 in school. Samuel Ogoshi?

21 DEFENDANT SAMUEL OGOSHI: Yes, sir.

22 THE COURT: How far did you get in school?

23 DEFENDANT SAMUEL OGOSHI: I'm in college right now.

24 THE COURT: Okay.

25 DEFENDANT SAMUEL OGOSHI: Yes, sir.

1 THE COURT: And I understand -- I didn't know this --
2 but that English is the national language of Nigeria?

3 DEFENDANT SAMUEL OGOSHI: Yes, sir.

4 THE COURT: Okay. Samuel (sic) Ogoshi, how about
5 you, sir, how far did you get in school, sir?

6 DEFENDANT SAMSON OGOSHI: Secondary school.

7 THE COURT: Secondary school?

8 DEFENDANT SAMSON OGOSHI: Yeah, yeah.

9 THE COURT: Okay. So you can both read and write
10 English? Samson?

11 DEFENDANT SAMSON OGOSHI: Yes, sir.

12 THE COURT: Samuel?

13 DEFENDANT SAMUEL OGOSHI: Yes, sir.

14 THE COURT: Okay. How old are you, Samuel?

15 DEFENDANT SAMUEL OGOSHI: I'm 23.

16 THE COURT: Samson?

17 DEFENDANT SAMSON OGOSHI: I'll be 21 this year.

18 THE COURT: Do you have any physical or mental
19 disability that would make it difficult for you to understand
20 the charges against you or what's happening here in the
21 courtroom? Samuel Ogoshi?

22 DEFENDANT SAMUEL OGOSHI: No, sir.

23 THE COURT: Samson Ogoshi?

24 DEFENDANT SAMSON OGOSHI: No, sir.

25 THE COURT: In the last 24 hours have you had any

1 drugs, alcohol, or medicine that might impair your ability to
2 understand those things? Samuel Ogoshi?

3 DEFENDANT SAMUEL OGOSHI: No, sir.

4 THE COURT: Samson Ogoshi?

5 DEFENDANT SAMSON OGOSHI: No, sir.

6 THE COURT: Gentlemen, you have the right to remain
7 silent. You don't have to say anything to me about the
8 charges against you. You don't have to say anything to Mr.
9 Mekaru or Mr. Reust, the attorneys for the government. You
10 don't have to say anything to any member of law enforcement,
11 but if you talk to anybody other than your own lawyer your
12 statements can and will be used against you in court later.
13 Do you understand that, Samuel Ogoshi?

14 DEFENDANT SAMUEL OGOSHI: Yes, sir.

15 THE COURT: Samson Ogoshi?

16 DEFENDANT SAMSON OGOSHI: Yes, sir.

17 THE COURT: Gentlemen, you're entitled to a lawyer.
18 You're always free to hire your own. If you can't afford a
19 lawyer, the Court will appoint one for you.

20 I have a financial affidavit, one with each of your
21 names on it. I have reviewed those affidavits and find that
22 you both qualify for a court-appointed lawyer. Samuel Ogoshi,
23 are you asking for a lawyer?

24 DEFENDANT SAMUEL OGOSHI: Yes, sir.

25 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Tilton, you're appointed.

1 MR. TILTON: Thank you, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: You're welcome. Samson Ogoshi, are you
3 asking for a lawyer?

4 DEFENDANT SAMSON OGOSHI: Yes.

5 THE COURT: Ms. Kelly, you are appointed.

6 MS. KELLY: Thank you, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: You're welcome. All right. Gentlemen,
8 have you each seen a copy of the document called the
9 indictment? Samuel Ogoshi?

10 DEFENDANT SAMUEL OGOSHI: Yes, sir.

11 THE COURT: Samson Ogoshi?

12 DEFENDANT SAMSON OGOSHI: Yes.

13 THE COURT: All right. Are you indeed and in fact
14 the Samuel Ogoshi named in that indictment?

15 DEFENDANT SAMUEL OGOSHI: Yes, sir.

16 THE COURT: And are you the Samson Ogoshi named in
17 that indictment?

18 DEFENDANT SAMSON OGOSHI: Yes.

19 THE COURT: Are each of your names spelled correctly?
20 Samuel Ogoshi?

21 DEFENDANT SAMUEL OGOSHI: Yes, sir.

22 THE COURT: Samson Ogoshi?

23 DEFENDANT SAMSON OGOSHI: Yes, sir.

24 THE COURT: Have you each had a chance, at least
25 briefly, to discuss the indictment and the case with your

1 lawyers? Samuel Ogoshi?

2 DEFENDANT SAMUEL OGOSHI: Yes, sir.

3 THE COURT: Samson Ogoshi?

4 DEFENDANT SAMSON OGOSHI: Yes, sir.

5 THE COURT: All right. Gentlemen, I'm going to go
6 through the charges against you now. Each charge is contained
7 in a separate numbered count in the indictment. Both of you
8 are charged in Counts 2, 3, and 4, so we're going to go
9 through those first and then I'll circle back to Count 1.

10 Count 2 charges you with being part of a conspiracy
11 to sexually exploit minors. In federal criminal law a
12 conspiracy is simply an agreement between two or more people
13 to commit a crime. In this case the government alleges that
14 you entered into such an agreement with each other and also
15 with Ezekiel Robert, and perhaps other people; that the
16 agreement or conspiracy was effective between February of 2021
17 through at least May of 2022; and that the object was -- of
18 this conspiracy was to induce minors, people under the age of
19 18 years, to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the
20 purpose of producing visual depictions of that conduct; that
21 you pretended to be young women in social media accounts on
22 the internet, contacted young boys under the age of 18 and
23 encouraged, induced, caused them to produce sexually explicit
24 images of themselves and send them to you as you were
25 pretending to be young women and girls. Once you got these

1 images you would then threaten the victims that if they didn't
2 pay money or blackmail, you would send these images to their
3 families, friends, classmates, and others.

4 Do you each understand what you're charged with in
5 Count 2? Samuel Ogoshi?

6 DEFENDANT SAMUEL OGOSHI: Yes, sir.

7 THE COURT: Samson Ogoshi?

8 DEFENDANT SAMSON OGOSHI: Yes.

9 THE COURT: In Count 3 the government charges you
10 with a conspiracy to distribute child pornography. Again, a
11 conspiracy is the same in this context, it's an agreement to
12 commit a crime. In this case the crime is distribution of
13 child pornography.

14 The government claims the same time period, also in
15 Marquette County here in the Northern Division of the Western
16 District of Michigan, and that the conduct that you engaged in
17 in Count 2 also would satisfy the elements of a conspiracy to
18 distribute child pornography because sexually explicit images
19 of a person under the age of 18 under U.S. law and under the
20 circumstances of this case constitute pornography.

21 The government claims that the three of you and,
22 again, maybe other people, conspired to distribute that child
23 pornography, to send it to your intended victims as part of
24 your blackmail scheme.

25 Do you understand what you're each charged with in

1 Count 3? Samuel Ogoshi?

2 DEFENDANT SAMUEL OGOSHI: Yes, sir.

3 THE COURT: Samson Ogoshi?

4 DEFENDANT SAMSON OGOSHI: Yes, sir.

5 THE COURT: You are also charged together in Count 4.
6 Count 4 charges you with conspiracy to commit stalking through
7 the internet. The government is again alleging that this
8 conspiracy or criminal agreement took place in that same
9 February '21 to May 2022 time period, also in the northern
10 division of this district and elsewhere, and that the three of
11 you, Samuel Ogoshi, Samson Ogoshi, and Ezekiel Robert
12 conspired and agreed to use the internet, in essence, to
13 harass and intimidate other people, your victims in this case,
14 and engaged in a course of conduct that would reasonably cause
15 those people to experience emotional distress.

16 The background of this charge includes the
17 government's allegation that some individual, I don't know
18 whether this person is known to the government or not, they're
19 not identified by name, hacked social media accounts,
20 including Instagram accounts. This person then sold the
21 hacked accounts to people, including the three of you, the
22 three defendants in this case.

23 The government claims that you paid for this
24 information by bank transfers and other means and used those
25 hacked social media accounts to extort money from your

1 victims, including the victims in this case.

2 As I said earlier, the government claims that you
3 would -- the three of you would pose as young women, girls, in
4 attempt to lure boys and young male adults to engage in sexual
5 chats; that in these chats you would attempt to convince them
6 to produce sexually explicit images of themselves and send
7 them to you using Instagram and other social media
8 applications. You would then, using Google and other online
9 platforms, research information about your victims, including
10 where they lived, where they went to school, where they
11 worked, and who their family and friends were.

12 After receiving the sexually explicit images from the
13 victims you would typically create a collage of pictures in
14 which you would mix these sexually explicit pictures with
15 other pictures you mined from the internet, and then
16 threatening to disclose those to your victims, you would
17 attempt to extort money from them.

18 You would often use the following language in those
19 extortion attempts: Hey, I have screenshot all your followers
20 and tags and those that comment on your, u-r post. I'm not
21 going to translate. I'm just going to read the words. I can
22 send this nudes to everyone and also send your nudes until it
23 goes viral. All you've to do is to cooperate with me and I
24 will not expose you.

25 The victims, not surprisingly, would often comply by

1 sending money to you using Apple Pay, Zelle, and other cash
2 application platforms.

3 The government claims that you contacted or attempted
4 to contact more than a hundred boys and young men in
5 furtherance of this conspiracy.

6 Samuel Ogoshi, the government claims that it was you
7 that contacted victim number one in a very telling exchange
8 the government claims was you and victim number one on one of
9 these messaging platforms.

10 The government claims that after the excerpt I just
11 read you, posing as a young girl named Dani Robertts, then
12 said, Are you going to cooperate with me? Just pay me right
13 now and I won't expose you. Victim number one responded, How
14 much? You said, A thousand dollars. Victim number one then
15 allegedly told you -- or only -- I'm sorry, only paid \$300.
16 You made more threats against him.

17 In an exchange on March 25, 2022, the government
18 alleges the following conversation took place: You, again
19 posing as Dani Robertts: Goodbye. Enjoy your miserable life.
20 Victim one, I'm kill myself right now. Victim one, Because of
21 you. You posing as Dani Robertts: Good. Do that fast or
22 I'll make you do it, I swear to God. And, of course,
23 tragically, victim number one took his own life.

24 Victim number two. Samson Ogoshi, the government
25 claims that you contacted victim two, made that same request

1 for sexually explicit photos or videos, that victim number two
2 complied, and that you then attempted to extort \$800 from him.
3 Victim two responded that he had only \$50 in Venmo and a
4 hundred dollars in cash to which you responded -- and I'm
5 cutting out some of the exchange -- Enjoy your miserable life.
6 Victim two: Why? You: I'll make this go viral.

7 If I didn't make this clear you, too, the government
8 claims, Samson Ogoshi, that you were also posing as this Dani
9 Robertts character.

10 And, further, in the same exchange Samson Ogoshi, you
11 said, I will make you regret your life. I will make you
12 commit suicide. I promise you. I swear.

13 Do you each understand what you're charged with in
14 Count 4? Samuel Ogoshi?

15 DEFENDANT SAMUEL OGOSHI: Yes, sir.

16 THE COURT: Samson Ogoshi?

17 DEFENDANT SAMSON OGOSHI: Yes, sir.

18 THE COURT: All right. Let's circle back to Count 1,
19 then. Samuel Ogoshi, only you are named in this count, and it
20 claims that on March 25, 2022, in Marquette County, again
21 through the internet, of course, you induced victim one to
22 produce and send you these sexually explicit images. You were
23 posing as Dani Robertts. Victim one was about 17 at that
24 time, 17 years old; that he did produce these images, sent
25 them to you, and then you attempted to blackmail him as I

1 described a moment ago from excerpts of Count 4, and that
2 thereafter victim number one committed suicide.

3 Do you understand what you're charged with in Count
4 1?

5 DEFENDANT SAMUEL OGOSHI: Yes, sir.

6 THE COURT: All right. Gentlemen, if you are
7 convicted there are penalties. The penalties -- and they vary
8 by count. I'm going to try to avoid redundancy to the extent
9 that I can in describing the penalties.

10 Counts 2 and 3, if you were convicted, you would be
11 required to register as a sex offender. You would be ordered
12 to pay any restitution that the Court found warranted. There
13 would be financial penalties, not fines but assessments in the
14 amount of \$100, a second in the amount of \$5,000. On Count 3
15 a third up to 35,000, and on Count 2 a third up to \$50,000.
16 Each of the -- those two charges also carry a fine of up to
17 \$250,000. Each carry a period of supervised release following
18 any prison term of -- from five years up to lifetime
19 supervised release. And, of course, each include a period in
20 prison.

21 On Count 3, the conspiracy to distribute child
22 pornography count, there is a mandatory minimum prison term of
23 five years and a maximum term of 20 years. On Count 2, the
24 conspiracy to exploit minors and the production of child
25 pornography, the minimum penalty is -- minimum prison term is

1 15 years, the maximum is 30 years.

2 On Count 4, the conspiracy to commit stalking through
3 the internet, there is mandatory restitution, a \$100 special
4 assessment, supervised release of not more than three years, a
5 maximum fine of not more than \$250,000, and a maximum prison
6 term of five years.

7 Samuel Ogoshi, on Count 1 there is the same sex
8 offender registration requirement as Counts 2 and 3, the same
9 restitution requirement, the same special assessments as Count
10 2, the same supervised release period as Count 2. The fine is
11 the same but the prison term is different. The minimum prison
12 term upon conviction of Count 1 would be not less than
13 30 years.

14 Mr. Mekaru, are you taking the lead here on this case
15 this afternoon? Are you taking the lead here this afternoon
16 on this case?

17 MR. MEKARU: I am, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: All right. 2250 -- United States Code
19 Section 2251 titled, Sexual Exploitation of Children, is the
20 statute under which the government is bringing this charge. I
21 note for the record that section (e) of 2251 lays out
22 penalties for violating that statute, and the very last
23 sentence of sub-paragraph (e) provides; However, in the course
24 of an offense under this section, conduct that results in a
25 death of a person shall be punished by death or imprisoned for

1 not less than 30 years or for life. I don't see that on the
2 penalty sheet, Mr. Mekaru, and I'm wondering what the -- why
3 that is?

4 MR. MEKARU: Understood, Your Honor. Your Honor, as
5 the Court may be well aware, that if a case is death penalty
6 eligible, that charge and the application of that possible
7 penalty has to be reviewed by the capital crime section in the
8 United States Department of Justice.

9 We have had this case reviewed by the capital crime
10 section. It's been then reviewed and referred to the United
11 States Attorney General for final evaluation as to whether the
12 United States government is going to seek the death penalty.
13 We are not. We made the representation to the Nigerian
14 government that we are not seeking the death penalty, and we
15 make this representation to the Court as well as we made this
16 representation to counsel that we are not seeking it in this
17 case. Because we are not, we didn't feel it was appropriate
18 to put in the penalty sheet that that was a possible penalty
19 that could be imposed.

20 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Mekaru, then, the Attorney
21 General has decided not to seek death in this case?

22 MR. MEKARU: Yes, that is correct, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Is that reduced to writing somewhere?

24 MR. MEKARU: Internally, Your Honor. We do make this
25 representation to this Court to our penalty sheet, but this is

1 an internal discussion within the department.

2 THE COURT: Can the Attorney General change his mind?

3 MR. MEKARU: No, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Is this memorialized, this agreement or
5 decision, is it part of the extradition agreement that allowed
6 you to bring Mr. Ogoshi here?

7 MR. MEKARU: Your Honor, it was important to us and
8 we made a fair representation to the Nigerian government as to
9 what penalties could apply. We secured the position from the
10 Attorney General before we sought extradition. The
11 representation the United States government made to the
12 government of Nigeria is that we are not seeking the death
13 penalty. That is in writing. That was in our submission to
14 the Nigerian courts, and that is certainly a representation
15 that the United States government will honor.

16 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Mekaru, under the Crime Victim
17 Rights Act, it looks to me like the Department of Justice may
18 be required to consult with the victim's family before
19 reaching this decision. Was that done in this case?

20 MR. MEKARU: It was, Your Honor. It was important to
21 us to have that conversation, to speak with the family about
22 what sort of penalties could apply. Certainly it does -- the
23 short answer is, yes, we did.

24 THE COURT: All right. And the family agreed with
25 this decision?

1 MR. MEKARU: The family has a right to consult,
2 though they do not have veto authority one way or the other.
3 They understood the concerns about asking for the death
4 penalty. I will share with you that they did not oppose our
5 recommendation to not seek the death penalty.

6 THE COURT: All right. I already asked you if the
7 Attorney General could change its mind and you said no. I
8 would just be interested in what he would say if he was here
9 right now, but --

10 MR. MEKARU: I make that statement, Your Honor, as a
11 representative of the Department of Justice, and certainly, I
12 mean, that is our marching orders. The United States
13 government has made that commitment. We have to be bound by
14 our commitment to the defendants, but certainly to the
15 Nigerian government. It would cause a diplomatic complication
16 if the United States government would go back on its word, and
17 I just -- I cannot conceive a situation where that would ever
18 happen in this case.

19 THE COURT: All right. Let me pose such a situation.
20 What if there was a -- as there will be, possibly, a change in
21 administration in the future as a result of a political
22 process, could a new Attorney General change course on this
23 decision, and if so, what remedy would the defendants have --
24 or not the defendants, Mr. Samuel Ogoshi?

25 MR. MEKARU: Your Honor, hypotheticals are, I think,

1 problematic in that we could venture down a path that is
2 really not applicable, so as the Court is well aware, and
3 setting this case aside, there have been instances where the
4 United States and this Court has made representations about
5 the possible penalties that could apply in a case, and in
6 those instances if we were mistaken, if those penalties could
7 be higher, we have, nonetheless, as the government felt bound
8 to honor that commitment that that is the penalty in which we
9 will seek, so what you're asking us to do is whether the
10 United States would change its position to exponentially
11 increase the possible penalty in a case where we made the
12 representation as to what those penalties would be. I cannot
13 conceive that as being a proper process. Could the government
14 reduce the possible penalty? If -- to engage in this
15 hypothetical, if the government had sought the death penalty
16 and a new administration came in and decided that it would
17 want to forego that possible penalty, I can imagine a
18 situation where that might be possible because the government
19 would be seeking a lesser sanction as opposed to an increase.

20 THE COURT: All right. Fair enough. A little unfair
21 jumping you like that, but I wanted to get your thoughts.

22 MR. MEKARU: It's an issue and I understand the
23 Court's inquiry.

24 THE COURT: All right. Thank you, Mr. Mekaru. I
25 appreciate that.

1 MR. MEKARU: Yes, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: All right. So, I think I said, the --
3 maybe I didn't. I got to the -- I announced the minimum and
4 then questioned Mr. Mekaru about the maximum.

5 Mr. Samuel Ogoshi, it appears the United States
6 has -- is setting the maximum sentence in your case at life in
7 prison. Having said that, do you now understand the potential
8 maximum penalties in your case?

9 DEFENDANT SAMUEL OGOSHI: Yes, sir.

10 THE COURT: All right. And I don't know if I asked,
11 I can't remember if I asked you directly, Mr. Samson Ogoshi,
12 do you understand the maximum penalties --

13 DEFENDANT SAMSON OGOSHI: Yes, sir.

14 THE COURT: -- on your charges?

15 DEFENDANT SAMSON OGOSHI: Yes, sir.

16 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Mr. Mekaru, I know
17 this may seem like a foolish question, but what's the
18 government's position on bond for these gentlemen?

19 MR. MEKARU: Your Honor, we are seeking detention
20 until resolution of this case. We're also asking for
21 three days to prepare for the hearing.

22 THE COURT: Okay. Under what section of 18 United
23 States Code Section 3142(f) does the government claim it's
24 entitled to a detention hearing?

25 MR. MEKARU: With respect to Defendant Samuel Ogoshi,

1 there are actually three grounds. This is a crime of violence
2 by definition. It's a crime of 3156. This is also a charge
3 that is pending where a maximum possible sentence is life
4 under subsection C and then, last, subsection E, this is a
5 felony charge involving a minor.

6 Now, the provisions that would apply to Samson
7 Ogoshi, there only the two; this is by definition a crime of
8 violence and an offense involving minor.

9 THE COURT: All right.

10 MR. MEKARU: These are also offenses which would
11 trigger the presumption.

12 THE COURT: All right. I find based on the evidence
13 before me that both defendants -- that the government is
14 entitled to a detention hearing as to both defendants and time
15 to prepare so we'll return here on Thursday at 3:00 p.m.

16 Gentlemen, at that time there will be three hearings
17 set in your case. The first will be an arraignment. I'm
18 going to go back over the charges and the penalties as I just
19 did. I'm going to talk to you about your constitutional
20 rights, and then I'll ask your lawyers to enter pleas for you
21 on each of the charges. Now, presumably those pleas will be
22 not guilty, but that's for you to discuss and decide with your
23 lawyers.

24 The second hearing will be a pretrial conference.
25 Mr. Mekaru and Mr. Reust and perhaps others in their office

1 will put together a document called a pretrial summary
2 statement. In that document the United States will list the
3 kinds of evidence it claims to have against you.

4 Now, your lawyers will get copies of the actual
5 evidence or have the chance to review it, and after they do
6 that I'm sure they'll sit down and go through all of that with
7 you very carefully, but at least on Thursday you'll get an
8 overview of what the evidence against you looks like.

9 And then the last matter we'll take up on Thursday
10 will be a bond hearing.

11 Mr. Mekaru, unfortunately I have one last question
12 for you. This occurred to me as I was preparing for the
13 hearing, and that is this question, has the U.S. successfully
14 sought an enhanced penalty under 2251(e) against anyone else
15 where the cause of death was suicide?

16 MR. MEKARU: I can't speak for the universe, Your
17 Honor. All I know is to my knowledge, no.

18 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

19 MR. MEKARU: Yes, sir.

20 THE COURT: All right. Gentlemen, that brings us to
21 the end of your initial appearance and the end of our business
22 together here today.

23 Mr. Mekaru, anything else from the United States?

24 MR. MEKARU: No, Your Honor. Thank you.

25 THE COURT: You're welcome. Mr. Tilton, anything

1 from you, sir?

2 MR. TILTON: No, Your Honor. Thank you.

3 THE COURT: Ms. Kelly, anything from you?

4 MS. KELLY: No, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: All right. Samuel Ogoshi, Samson Ogoshi,
6 did you understand everything that happened in court today?
7 Samuel?

8 DEFENDANT SAMUEL OGOSHI: Yes, sir.

9 THE COURT: Samson?

10 DEFENDANT SAMSON OGOSHI: Yes.

11 THE COURT: Do you have any questions for me before I
12 adjourn your case? Samuel?

13 DEFENDANT SAMUEL OGOSHI: No, sir.

14 THE COURT: Samson?

15 DEFENDANT SAMSON OGOSHI: No, sir.

16 THE COURT: All right, gentlemen. We'll see you back
17 here on Thursday. We're adjourned.

18 THE CLERK: All rise.

19 *(Whereupon, hearing concluded at 4:30 p.m.)*
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C E R T I F I C A T E

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